

**Applicant:** Shinichi Imade  
**Application No.:** 10/808,154

**REMARKS**

Pursuant to the September 7, 2005 Office Action, claims 1 and 21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,998,522 (Holzel), claims 18-20 and 22 have been allowed, and claims 2-17 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claim.

After the foregoing Amendment, claims 2-20 and 22 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1 and 21 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 2, 5, 7-10, and 14-16 have been amended to be written in independent form and incorporate the limitations of independent claim 1. Applicant submits that no new matter has been introduced into the application by these amendments.

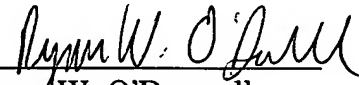
If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

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In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 2-20 and 22, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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